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SUBJECT: SOMALI REACTION TO AMBASSADOR'S TRANSFER

1. PRESIDENT SIAD, WHOM I HAD INFORMED JANUARY 29 OF MY PENDING REASSIGNMENT TO WASHINGTON WITHOUT GIVING JOB OR DATE, CALLED ME IN FEBRUARY 5. HE SAID IT "UNFORTUNATE" THAT I LEAVING AT TIME WHEN RELATIONS IMPROVING AND MY EXPERIENCE COULD BE USEFUL. I STRESSED IMPORTANCE AND URGENCY OF WORK AT HEADQUARTERS AND MENTIONED SECRETARY'S MESSAGE THAT HE WOULD NOT RPT NOT HAVE INTERRUPTED MY TOUR IF THERE WERE NOT "PRESSING NEED" FOR ME IN WASHINGTON. PRESIDENT SAID HE WOULD NOT RPT NOT STAND IN WAY OF MY EARLY RETURN TO HEAD-QUARTERS AND MY "PROMOTION", AND WISHED ME BON VOYAGE.

2. SIAD'S REACTION IS TYPICAL OF THAT OF SOMALI OFFICIALS WITH WHOM I HAVE TALKED. THEIR SENSE OF URGENCY OF REQUIREMENT FOR MY SERVICES IN WASHINGTON--EXEMPLIFIED BY SIAD'S UNUSUAL GESTURE IN CALLING ME IN SO QUICKLY, AND WITHOUT URGING FROM US--HAS DONE MUCH TO MITIGATE THEIR SUSPICIONS ABOUT REASONS FOR MY EARLY TRANSFER.
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